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Amendment dated January 17, 2005

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Appl. No : ~~10/801,214~~
Applicant : James W. Forbes
Filed : March 15, 2004
For : Dropped Deck Center Beam Rail Road Car
T.C./A.U. : 3617
Examiner : Lars A. Olson

Confirmation No. 9174

Docket No. : 200405.00038
Customer No. : 021324

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Commissioner of Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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AMENDMENT

Sir:

This letter is responsive to the Examiner's Office Action mailed October 15, 2004 for which a response is due on or before January 18, 2005, and is timely filed. Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification – none at this time.

Amendments to the Claims commence at page 2 of this paper.

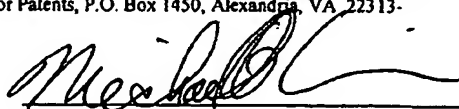
Amendments to the Drawings - none

Remarks begin on page 15 of this paper.

CERTIFICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.8(a)

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